"HOW TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD." Week 3



Key Scripture/MESSAGE NOTES:

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. Mark 5:21-24a

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Mark 5:24b-28

"But for you who revere my name, the son of righteousness the son of righteousness will rise with healing in his WINGS." Micah 4:2

WINGS- KANAPH [k'naw'phah]: the edge of a garment.

Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" Mark 5:29-30

You see the people crowding against you, and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' Mark 5:31

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." Mark 5:32-34

Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has HEALED you. Go in peace." Luke 8:48

HEALED-SOZO:"SAVED"

GOD IS $\underline{\text{CONCERNED WITH INDIVIDUALS}}$ IN EVERY CROWD

While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?" Mark 5:35

Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed." Mark 5:36

JUST BECAUSE JESUS IS LATE <u>DOESN'T MEAN</u> HE ISN'T COMING.

When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. Luke 8:51-53

But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" Her spirit returned and at once she stood up. Then

Jesus told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astonished. Luke 8:54-56a

YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES DON'T DICTATE YOUR DESTINY.

YOUR $\underline{\mathsf{GREATEST}}$ DISAPPOINTMENT MAY BE THE $\underline{\mathsf{STARTING}}$ POINT FOR YOUR GREATEST MIRACLE.

IF GOD <u>ALWAYS ANSWERED YOUR PRAYERS</u> YOU WOULD <u>NEVER EXPERIENCE GOD'S WILL</u> FOR YOUR LIFE.

YOU DON'T HAVE UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS TO TRUST THE PLAN

 $\underline{\bf DESPERATION}$ MAY BE WHAT DRIVES YOU TO JESUS BUT ONLY $\underline{\bf DEVOTION}$ WILL BE WHAT CAUSE YOU TO STAY.

START TALKING. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What from the message this week spoke to you?
- Can you tell about a time in your life that whatever the circumstances, you felt like it was the end of something, but then God had other plans and the story continued? (Allow group members to share.) START THINKING. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

START SHARING Choose questions that create openness.

We learned about the resurrection of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with the bleeding problem. Read Mark 5:21-43. Then, read the following points from the sermon and look through any notes you may have taken and discuss within your group.

GOD IS CONCERNED WITH INDIVIDUALS IN EVERY CROWD

- 1. Have you ever felt like you were bothering God with your concerns?
- 2. Have you ever thought that God wasn't concerned about you at all only but only with the big things going on in the world?
- 3. Why do you feel this way?

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- 4. Can you tell of a time when God's response seemed delayed or nonexistent and yet, in the end, God's timing ended up being a great gift from him?
- 5. How did that situation affect your faith?



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- 6. Has there been a time in which God actually gave you more and/or better that you expected or asked for?
- 7. How has this affected your faith and prayer life since that happened?

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8. Do you trust God in situations you don't understand, or do you struggle with the fact that you don't have control or understanding? Why?

APPLICATION

- 1. Is there a difficult situation in your life in which you've felt like God doesn't care about you or that he is delaying his response longer than you wish he would? How does your perspective need to change?
- 2. What are you praying for in the situation? Are you praying that God will do things exactly according to your plan, or do you trust him to do things his way and in his timing? How does your praying need to change?
- 3. Who in your life needs you need to share some of these truths with them this week to encourage them or initiate a spiritual conversation with them?

Pray:

Pray for each person in your group and their various requests. Pray for any situations that have been shared about during your time together. Pray for the opportunity to encourage someone with these truths this week.